REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **2 September 2005**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-6, 8-23, 25-40, and 42-55. Claims 1-2, 6, 8-9, 11-13, 17-19, 23, 25-26, 28-30, 34-36, 40, 42-43, 45-47, 51-53, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Klug et al. (USPN 5,790,785, hereinafter "Klug"), in view of Gasser et al. (USPN 5,224,163 hereinafter "Gasser"). Claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-13, 15, 17-23, 25-26, 28-30, 32 34-40, 42-43, 45-47, 49, and 51-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Klug in view of Gasser, further in view of Jacobs et al (USPN 5,611,048, hereinafter "Jacobs"), and further in view of Kelley et al (USPN 6,000,003 hereinafter "Kelley"). Claims 10, 14, 16, 27, 31, 33, 44, 48, and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Klug in view of Gasser, further in view of Jacobs, further in view of Kelley and further in view of Jones et al (USPN 5,623,637, hereinafter "Jones").

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-13, 15, 17-23, 25-26, 28-30, 32, 34-40, 42-43, 45-47, 49, and 51-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Klug in view of Gasser, further in view of Jacobs, and further in view of Kelley. Applicant respectfully points out that the combined system of Klug, Gasser, Jacobs, and Kelley teaches a system for **delegating authorization** using a **delegation certificate**, wherein the delegation certificate indicates that the workstation is **authorized to speak for (i.e. to delegate) the user**, because all systems on the network cannot be equally trusted (see Gasser, col. 13, lines 29-43, col. 2, lines 60-66).

In contrast, the present invention teaches a system for **authenticating a password request** from a remote computer system to a local computer system (i.e. a user), wherein the password request includes **computer code** that **when**

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run on the local computer system requests the password on behalf of the application on the remote computer system (see page 10, line 21 to page 11, line 3 of the instant application). Note that the present invention describes a method of authenticating the remote computer system which requests for the password from the local computer system. This is beneficial because it prevents a rogue application that pretends to be the remote computer system from gaining illegal access to the password, and subsequently the password store. More importantly, the present invention performs this authentication in a specific manner: by sending the password request in a form of an executable computer code. This computer code is executed on the local computer system, and the authentication based on the execution results can provide a very high degree of confidence that the password request is originated from the remote computer system instead of an imposter system (see page 10, lines 18-26 of the instant application). The actual password request is generated by this computer code after it has been executed. Note that sending the password request which is embedded in an authentication process is a much safer approach than sending the password request without any authentication, or sending the password request with a separate authentication.

There is nothing within Klug, Gasser, Jacobs, or Kelley, either separately or in concert, which suggests authenticating a password request which includes computer code that when run on the local computer system requests the password on behalf of the application on the remote computer system.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 18, 35, 52 and 55 to include the limitations from claims 2, 19, 36, and 53 to clarify that the present invention authenticates a password request from a remote computer system which includes computer code that when run on the local computer system requests the password on behalf of the application on the remote computer system. These amendments find support on page 10, line 18 to page 11, line 3 of the instant application. Claims 2, 19, 36 and 53 have been canceled without

prejudice. Applicant has also amended dependent claims 3, 20, 37 and 54 to update the dependencies of these claims because of the cancelled claims.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 18, 35, 52 and 55 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 3-6 and 8-17, which depend upon claim 1, claims 20-23 and 25-34, which depend upon claim 18, claims 37-40 and 42-51, which depend upon claim 35, and claims 54 which depend upon claim 52, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
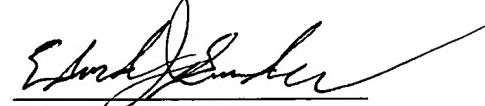
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